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A full year school calendar is available on the school website: [www.rosebay.tased.edu.au](http://www.rosebay.tased.edu.au)

Other important dates:
- End of Term 2 – Friday, September 4
- Term 3 Commences – Monday, September 21
- Show Day – October 22
- End of Term 3 (Grades 7-10) – Thursday, December 17

From the Principal

Language Centre

As you may be aware, Rose Bay High School was successful in gaining funding from the Federal Government’s Building the Education Revolution Program to build a Language Centre to provide 21st century facilities for the teaching of Languages Other Than English. This school is highly regarded for the quality of our teaching and learning program in Japanese and I am sure the $1,202,403 will be a great addition to the facilities of this school. Many thanks go to Mrs Muller and Mrs Cash for all their efforts in preparing our successful submission.

Student Attendance

I would like to thank all parents for their assistance in advising the school of the reasons for student absences. With the current level of illness within the community, your assistance in keeping us fully informed of the reason for students missing school is greatly appreciated.

We continue to closely monitor school attendance and will maintain our current practice of sending home weekly follow-up letters where we have not been advised of the reasons for absence.
Staff Professional Learning Day

Monday, July 20 was set aside for Staff Professional Learning. The day was a great success as it provided an extended opportunity for staff to meet to discuss some important issues. These included discussions about our current timetable structure and ideas that might be implemented to further enhance the effectiveness of the school’s curriculum offerings and organisational structures in 2010.

Staff also considered the content of the School Strategic Plan for Information Communication Technology. This forms the basis of our successful submission for $72,000 which we have been awarded for the purchase of new computers. These will be installed as part of the new building program.

I would like to thank all parents and guardians who made special arrangements for the care of their children so that this day could be provided for our teachers.

Redevelopment – Stage 2

The tender for our next stage of building works was recently advertised in the Mercury. Once the successful tender has been announced, it is likely that building work will commence in the very near future.

The first stage of this work will be the demolition of the toilet block and old change rooms at the entrance to the school. Work will then begin on the construction of the Dance and Drama Suite.

Once this building is completed and available for classes, we will then see refurbishment work commence inside the school. The middle of B Block (General Learning Areas) will then be completed and will be followed by the top floor of C Block (Science and Mathematics). It is anticipated that this work will take approximately 12 - 14 months to complete.

Mid Year Reports

Mid Year Reports will be sent home next week. Where it has been requested that reports be received by mail, these will be posted on Monday, July 27. Hand delivered reports will be distributed on Tuesday, July 28. In addition, there is a package of materials provided with these reports which includes information regarding Parent/Teacher interviews to be held on Wednesday, August 5 from 3.30 to 7.00

Stephen Mannering
Principal

Stars of Sport
Inter-House Cross Country 2009

On Wednesday 15th July in Periods 5 and 6, Rose Bay High held its annual Inter-House Cross Country Carnival around Gordon’s Hill Reserve.

Despite the cold weather, a huge field turned out for the carnival, with everyone from serious athletes to those just out to have a go, giving their best for their house. The gym before the race was abuzz with excitement as all students got right behind their houses by dressing up in house colours. At about 14 minutes the first winner was decided, with Isaac Franks crossing the line. The Grade 7's and 8's run a slightly shorter course than the Grade 9's and 10's. The fastest time on the longer course was the 14.17 run by Gavin Byrd in the Grade 10 Boys event.

Whilst the carnival decides our school champions and winning house, it also doubles as the selection trials for the 2009 Southern Inter-High Cross Country Carnival to be held at Pontville this Thursday. The top 6 placegetters in each event qualify for this team, plus the 7th placegetter as a reserve.

With such a huge turnout of runners, the H&PE staff decided to give all competitors a prize for having a go, ordering pizzas for everyone after the race. It was a fun day and we would like to thank the H H&PE staff and House Captains for helping organise the day and making sure everything ran smoothly.

Individual Results:
[Top 7 placegetters in each grade]

Grade 7 Boys
1. Isaac Franks
Grade 7 Girls
1. Stacie Hutchins
2. Jess Downham
3. Savannah Hunt
4. Hannah Webb
5. Sharlia Watson
6. Louise Connolly
7. Kelly Skromanis

Grade 8 Boys
1. Jacob Herbert
2. Torben Partridge-Madsen
3. Nick Mearns
4. Matthew Hutchinson
5. Daniel Pangrazzi
6. Joel Harrison
7. James Mitchell

Grade 8 Girls
1. Madison Gadd
2. Gemma Brooks
3. Jess Melville
4. Laura Harle
5. Lucy Smith
6. Carly Hickman
7. Hettie Adams

Grade 9 Boys
1. Matthew Sinclair
2. Adrian Hutchinson
3. Sam Randall
4. James Kingston
5. Nic Schade
6. Tim Morley
7. Steven Fitzpatrick

Grade 9 Girls
1. Alyssa Burgos
2. Makaila Higham
3. Kymberly Barr
4. Ashleigh McLaren
5. Bianca Cathro
6. Yasmin Quelch
7. Kathryn Gourlay

Grade 10 Boys
1. Gavin Byrd
2. Nat Martin
3. Dylan Hunt
4. Keisuke Mishina
5. Sam McIntyre
6. David Cooper
7. Gavin Byrd

Grade 10 Girls
1. Morgan Saward
2. Molly Windfeld-Petersen
3. Ashlyn Briggs
4. Amelia Fazackerley
5. Aliya Tierney
6. Emma Kane
7. Caylee Tierney

House Results

Participation Shield
1. Tasman Yellow
2. Derwent Blue
3. Domain Green
4. Wellington Red

A big thank you to the following businesses located at Eastlands who donated spot prizes for our Cross Country.

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Water Safety Grade 7

The Rose Bay Health and Physical Education Team are pleased to announce that Grade 7 students will be participating in a Water Safety Program in Term 2. The program will involve 5 consecutive days of swimming at the Clarence YMCA Aquatic Centre.

Students will be placed in small groups based on their swimming abilities and will be assigned a swim teacher for the week.
This program is a considerable undertaking requiring extensive planning, finance (approximately $4700) and support from all staff. We would like to recognise and warmly thank the School Association for their considerable financial support which has ensured the viability of this program, as well as the positive and enthusiastic support teachers and Mr Mannering have shown. We ask that the School Community supports this program by ensuring students participate actively and benefit from the consecutive days of swimming. We realise with this age group that several issues do arise. Students are permitted to wear rash vests and students unable to participate will not be going to the pool (they will be attending theory lessons on water safety).

Date: Grade 7 24th – 28th August

Pieta McKay on behalf of the HPE Team.

Interested in Going on the School Trip to Japan next Year?

It seems like it is a long time away until next September but we need to know now if there are enough people interested in this opportunity. Please let us know if there is a possibility that you may be coming. There is no obligation, but unless your name is put forward you will most likely miss out altogether.

Mrs Muller/ Mrs Cash

Calling all non-profit community and sporting groups!

Are you a member of a non-profit community, sporting or recreational group in need of a good quality meeting place or facility?

From 1 July, community not for profit organisations and sporting groups which aren’t already insured using Education Department facilities will be protected by third party insurance under a two-year State Government trial.

People are able to view available facilities online throughout Tasmania by the simple click of the mouse.

The Department of Education webpage contains general information about the initiative as well as the hire and fee structures.

Some of the facilities for hire include gyms, swimming pools, sports ovals, playgrounds, meeting rooms and auditoriums.

This is a great opportunity for your local sporting, community and not-for-profit groups to get active and get involved in your school community.

To visit available facilities in your area, log on to / http://www.education.tas.gov.au/dept/contact/community-use

GRADE 7 ROSNY STATE LIBRARY VISITS

During First Term, 2009, the Rose Bay High School library in combination with the Humanities Department, organised visits to the Rosny branch of the State Library for all seven classes of the Grade 7s. The reasoning behind this was to enable students to discover more about the wealth of resources and activities that were available to them through the State Library network and encourage them to become regular users and members wherever possible.

The visits took place over a double lesson and required that students walk down and back in that time also. This meant that the time spent at the Rosny library was relatively short, but we still managed to pack in quite a lot during that time.

When a class arrived at the Rosny library, students were first warmly welcomed and then the class was divided into two groups. One group headed off with one of the librarians to the Youth Fiction area with the comfy seats to find out more about the specialist magazines, DVDs, CD ROMs, audio books, books and so on that were available to them. The other group was treated to a data projector session on TALIS: how to use it, what databases and other features were available for them to use and so on. All students received a goodie bag with information brochures on computer/internet access, how to become a member and what else the library had to offer, as well as bookmarks, wrist bands and some lollies.
Lastly, students had a ‘getting to know the library’ hunt, where they had to match up a selection of pictures with different areas of the library. The winner from this activity in each class won a block of chocolate.

Six of the seven classes filled in feedback forms regarding their library visit and the results were extremely encouraging. Of the 100 responses we received from students, 36% rated the ‘getting to know the library’ hunt as their favourite part, while 30% enjoyed the Youth Fiction area most, with its comfy seats and interesting range of resources to look at. Several students also commented on the friendly atmosphere in the library.

The other significant feedback was from students who were not currently members of the State library. Forty-two of the students who responded indicated that they were existing members of the State library, so of the remaining 58 who were not members: 36 indicated they definitely wanted to become a member, an additional 5 students said they might be interested in becoming members and 15 indicated they probably wouldn’t be interested in becoming members (56 of the 58 non members filled in this section of the form).

Knowing the substantial benefits that membership of the State library can bring, I am keen to see how many of the students who expressed an interest in joining up were able to organise a parent or a guardian sign them up and are now currently members of the State library.

The overwhelming response from our Grade 7 students was that the visit was extremely worthwhile and that both members and non members had enjoyed the experience and gained new and valuable information. With such a positive overall response from our Grade 7s, we will look at making this a regular part of our combined RBHS Library/Humanities program.

**Reader’s Cup Competition**

This year the RBHS library is planning on entering a group of students in the Southern Tasmanian Reader’s Cup competition. To select a group to send to the finals in October 2009, RBHS students have the opportunity to enrol in a school-based competition, with two groups of six students competing against each other to decide which group will go on to the Southern finals, held at the Rosny branch of the State Library. Participating students will be asked to read a selection of six books and will then have to answer questions relating to the books, in addition to arranging a creative presentation relating to one of the books.

Only one group will go on to the finals to represent Rose Bay High School against other schools taking part, but all students who are involved in the school-based competition should gain a wealth of knowledge, skills and experiences, plus the added enjoyment of working together in their teams.

**Library Chess Club**

Since the beginning of Second Term, the RBHS library has been running a Chess club for interested students during the Tuesday lunch break. A Grade 10 student volunteer is on hand to assist those students wishing to learn or needing some helpful tips, but more experienced players are also welcome to come along and take part.

Grade 7 students currently have the opportunity to participate in a school-based competition, where representatives from the different classes play off against each other until there is one final winner from amongst all of the Grade 7s. All class winners receive a certificate and the overall winner receives a prize of their choice to a nominated value.

Any students from Grade 7 who have not already registered their interest in taking part in the chess competition should contact Mrs Hill in the library.

**Mrs A Hill (Teacher librarian)**
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